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	Title	Electrochemical Test Strip For Use in Analyte Determination

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated February 21, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before May 21, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Following detection of the electrochemical signal generated in the reaction zone as described above, the amount of the analyte present in the sample introduced into the reaction zone is then determined by relating the electrochemical signal to the amount of analyte in the sample. In making this derivation, the measured electrochemical signal is typically compared to the signal generated from a series of previously obtained control or standard values, and determined from this comparison. In many embodiments, the electrochemical signal measurement steps and analyte concentration derivation steps, as described above, are performed